



## Workers' Compensation Commission

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### Commission Update Medical Services Provider Manual

On May 22, 2009 a notice of public interest was published in the State Register and posted on the Commission's website announcing the Commission was in the process of updating the Medical Services Provider Manual. A notice, request for comments and a public hearing date was placed on the Commission's website and emailed to interested parties. On June 19, 2009, public comments were received by the Full Commission. Written comments were accepted through August 25, 2009.

A recommendation to update several sections of the Manual was presented to the Full Commission September 28, 2009. The Commission considered updating the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) Resource Based Relative Values (RBRVS) using the 2009 values and retaining the conversion factor at \$52. At the Full Commission Business Meeting October 26, 2009, the Commission requested utilization data from Orthopedic Surgeons that practice workers' compensation, no other action was taken at this time.

Prior to the Commission's November 16, 2009 business meeting, 2010 RBRVS were made public. In the interest of considering the most current data, the Commission requested an analysis indicative of the cost differentiation using Relative Values for 2010. In addition, the Full Commission requested data using \$51, \$52, \$53, and \$54 conversion factors. The Commission took no formal action on the recommended changes to the Manual and scheduled a special work session to discuss the Manual updates, consider the 2010 Relative Values and review additional conversion factor analysis. The Medical Services Provider Manual will be considered by the Commission at the December business meeting.

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